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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. WE ISSUED IVS TO GOULETSOS FAMILY FEB 23. (THEY  
RECEIVED SOVIET EXIT VISAS FEB 22.) WE WILL ADVISE  
THIS CHANNEL RE TRAVEL PLANS.

2. WE ARE A BIT PUZZLED RE TOKYO 2452. BILL BROWN TELLS  
US THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED WORK THOROUGHLY  
WITH BILL VEALE, EUR/SOV, AND THE JAPAN DESK IN OCTOBER.  
BILL DOES NOT RECALL ANY PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF A  
SEISMOGRAPH ON SHIKOTAN ISLAND. DURING THE FIFTH SESSION  
OF THE BILATERAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, MOSCOW, NOVEMBER  
1976, IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL TSUNAMI RESEARCH WOULD  
BE DONE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS (SEE PAGE 49 OF NOVEMBER 19  
JOINT COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM). WE ARE SURPRISED THAT  
THE JAPAN DESK DID FORWARD THE ORIGINAL MEMO OF CON-  
VERSATION WITHOUT EXPLANATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

3. RECEIVED TODAY ADVANCE COPY OF MEMO DRAFTED FEB 12  
ON EMBASSY COMPLEXES. HAS IT BEEN SIGNED OFF TO GO  
FORWARD? OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT OPTION 1 IS  
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NON-STARTER WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY ERODE OUR LEVERAGE  
RATHER THAN PRESERVE IT; OPTION 2 IS A THROW-AWAY  
WHICH NOBODY HERE HAS ADVOCATED. THE REAL POSSIBIL-  
ITIES EXIST IN OPTION 3. WE ARE, THEREFORE, SURPRISED  
THAT EUR CHOSE OPTION 4 RATHER THAN OPTION 3. IN  
FACT, OPTION 3 HAS MORE POTENTIAL, IN OUR VIEW--BOTH  
FOR US AND FBO IF ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED. FACT IS THAT

PRICE FIGURES WE ARE REQUESTING--AND ANY "CUBIC METER" ESTIMATE WE COULD EXTRACT--WOULD BE MEANINGLESS IN PRACTICAL TERMS. UNTIL SOVIETS KNOW WHAT PRECISELY THEY WILL BE PROVIDING AND WHAT WE WILL PROVIDE, THEY CANNOT POSSIBLY GIVE A FIRM OVERALL FIGURE. EVEN ON THE HOUSING SEGMENT, WE PRESUMABLY WILL NOT RPT NOT USE ALL SOVIET MATERIALS, MAYBE NOT EVEN SOVIET BRICK. CERTAINLY, WE WOULD HOPE, NOT SOVIET PLUMBING, WIRING, ETC. THEREFORE, IT IS MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL FOR US TO HAVE GUARANTEED UNIT COSTS FOR MAJOR COMPONENTS THAN OVERALL FIGURES. THIS SHOULD ALSO BE NEGOTIABLE, SINCE IT IS NOT AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST. I WILL TREAT IN MORE DETAIL TOMORROW, BUT IN MEANTIME WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER MEMO HAS BEEN FORMALIZED.

4. ASSUME YOU HAVE MOSCOW 2124 AND 2360. DO YOU HAVE FEEL FOR REACTION TO COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED?

5. APPRECIATE SOMEONE CHECKING WITH REBECCA SCHOMACKER AGAIN (913-262-5494) TO SEE IF SHE HAS PASSPORT AND WHEN HER ETA IS. IF SHE HAS PASSPORT, WE WILL NEED DATE FOR VISA SUPPORT HERE.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF FEBRUARY "SCIENCE TRENDS", MENTIONED IN TASS "MICROWAVES-MACROINVENTIONS" STORY. MAYBE DOCTORS COULD BRING OUT A COPY.

7. REGARDING DOCTORS' VISIT, PLEASE TELL THEM THAT REBECCA AND I INVITE THEM TO DINNER SATURDAY EVENING. CONFIDENTIAL

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(SORRY WE ARE ALREADY COMMITTED FRIDAY.) ASSUME HERB WILL WISH TO STAY WITH GROUP INITIALLY, BUT LET HIM KNOW THAT IF HE WISHES TO MOVE TO OUR APARTMENT NEXT WEEK HE WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

8. AS YOU SEE FROM SEPARATE MESSAGE, KORNIYENKO HAS INVITED AMBASSADOR TO WORKING LUNCH NEXT WENESDAY. HE WILL, OF COURSE, WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FOR MATTERS TO RAISE.

9. REGARDING SHIFTS IN EMBASSY AND SUMMER TRANSFERS, SITUATION LOOKS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SELL HAS NOT HAD CONSULAR COURSE SO BRINGING HIM OUT EARLY TO REPLACE RAY SMITH DOES NOT SEEM PRACTICAL.

(I TALKED TO HIM WHEN I WAS IN MUNICH).

B. THEREFORE, WE CANNOT MOVE SMITH UNTIL FORD DEPARTS,

WHICH MEANS THAT POL WILL HAVE TO TAKE GAP UNTIL AVIS  
ARRIVES. THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE DESIRABLE TO  
MOVE UP HER ARRIVAL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

C. RUSTY HUGHES WILL STAY IN PPO, SINCE THERE IS NO  
SLOT TO MOVE HIM TO. THEREFORE, WE WOULD RECOMMEND  
PUTTING TUA IN RAY SMITH'S CONSULAR SLOT. HE SHOULD,  
OF COURSE, BE BRIEFED AND PROVISION MADE FOR HIM TO  
HAVE CONSULAR COURSE IF HE DOES NOT ALREADY HAVE IT.

D. RUSTY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT HE WOULD BE SERIOUS  
CONTENDER FOR IGOR'S POSITION IN POL/INT WHEN IGOR  
LEAVES EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE PREFERS NOT TO EXTEND HIS  
MOSCOW TOUR EVEN IF THIS SHOULD MATERIALIZE, HOWEVER,  
AND HAS INQUIRED OF PER WHETHER HE CAN CUT HIS TOUR  
TO 18 MONTHS. IF CURTAILMENT OF TOUR IS APPROVED, WE  
WILL NEED REPLACEMENT PPO IN JANUARY 1978. IF CURTAILMENT  
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IS NOT APPROVED, RUSTY IS WILLING TO STAY IN PPO  
UNTIL SUMMER OF 78. ALTERNATIVELY, IF NO CANDIDATE IS  
AVAILABLE FOR BELOUSOVITCH POSITION UNTIL SUMMER, HE  
COULD MOVE TO THAT SLOT FOR SIX MONTHS.  
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